



Early Childhood Curriculum Options for VQB5 Practice Year 2

Virginia's Vision for Curriculum

All birth to five early childhood classrooms need access to a quality curriculum. The VDOE is working to increase program choice and access to curriculum by:

- Increasing the number of approved curricula options by reviewing comprehensive, quality curriculum, prioritizing infant and toddler and family day home curriculum review requests.
- Providing a no-cost early childhood curriculum option to publicly funded birth to five programs who choose to use it.

What are VDOE's curriculum expectations for VQB5 Practice Year 2?

Implementation of curriculum takes time. For Practice Year 2 (2022-2023), sites that are participating in VQB5 are asked if at least one classroom has access to an approved curriculum:

- Programs have two opportunities (fall and spring) to enter curriculum information during each VQB5 Practice Year. Information is entered into the LinkB5 system at the classroom level.
- Programs will receive 100 points towards their VQB5 Practice Year score if they indicate that **at least one classroom** has an approved curriculum. This includes:
 - Having access to the primary instructional guides/manuals for the approved curriculum of choice (including STREAMin3, Virginia's no-to-low cost curriculum option) by May 31st.
 - Committing to engage in future curriculum implementation training even if onboarding training will not be completed by May 31.
- Programs that are participating in Practice Year 2 of VQB5 will report their curriculum use through LinkB5 with support from their Ready Region coordinator. By July 2023, all publicly-funded sites will be required to participate in VQB5, which includes reporting curriculum. More information is available in the VQB5 Overview.

What are my options if I am participating in VQB5 Practice Year 2 and want to earn VQB5 points but do not have a VDOE-approved curriculum now?

Programs have two means of accessing a quality curriculum option:

1. Choose from the list of approved curriculum (including STREAMin3, Virginia's no-to-low-cost curriculum option which is available as of March 2022). Find this list on the VDOE Early Childhood (EC) Standards, Curriculum and Instruction webpage.
2. Request a review of an unreviewed curriculum. For more information on the VDOE curriculum vetting process, also visit the VDOE Early Childhood (EC) Standards, Curriculum & Instruction webpage.

Looking ahead: VDOE will work with the field to consider how to refine VQB5 expectations around curriculum to ensure all classrooms are ready to support children's learning.

About STREAMin3, Virginia's Open-Access, No-to-Low-Cost Birth to Five Curriculum Option

STREAMin3 is an engaging, interactions-based curriculum for children ages birth to five. It focuses on 6 STREAM and 5 Core Skills to promote children's development and early learning. Any publicly funded program that chooses to use STREAMin3 will get the curriculum and a range of professional development options.

What does this mean for me?

- All VQB5 programs have free access to curriculum guides via downloadable PDFs as of March 2022.
- All VQB5 programs have the chance to meet the curriculum measurement for Practice Year 2.
- Curriculum training, materials, and tiered implementation supports to nearly 4,000 birth to five classrooms over the course of the next 3 years.

Learn more about STREAMin3, access and enrollment, and how to get the curriculum.

Look for curriculum updates in Readiness Connections.

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